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SUBJ: SAG HAS NOT YET BEGUN TO PAY WAGE INCREASES TO BLACK
GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES SCHEDULED TO GO INTO EFFECT JULY 1

REF: JOHANNESBURG'S 756, 1133

1. REFTEL 756 COMMENTS ON SAG'S REFUSAL AS OF END OF JULY, 1974
TO PUBLISH DETAILS OF PUBLIC SECTOR WAGE AND SALARY INCREASES
SCHEDULED TO GO INTO EFFECT JULY 1.
2. IT NOW APPEARS THAT ONE REASON FOR REFUSAL WAS FAILURE OF
PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION TO COMPLETE ADMINISTRATIVE WORK INVOLVED
IN REVISING JOB AND WAGE CATEGORIES FOR UNSKILLED AND SEMI-
SKILLED EMPLOYEES (MOSTLY BLACK) UNTIL ABOUT FIVE WEEKS AGO.
3. SAG'S FAILURE TO EXPLAIN REASONS FOR DELAY IN PAYMENTS LED
INEVITABLY TO CONFUSION & FRUSTRATION AND WAS DIRECT CAUSE OF
ABORTIVE BLACK PROTEST STRIKE OCTOBER 29 AT BARAGWANATH HOSPITAL.
4. WHILE MANY (PROBABLY MOST) WHITE GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEES HAVE
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ALREADY BEGUN TO RECEIVE THEIR HIGHER SALARIES, WORD NOW IS THAT

LOWER PAID BLACKS WILL NOT BEGIN TO RECEIVE THEIRS UNTIL END OF
NOVEMBER. SITUATION SCARCELY IMPROVED BY FACT SAG HAS NOT YET
ADVISED BLACK EMPLOYEES OF AMOUNTS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE RAISES.
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